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# Mayor's Address to the City of Bethlehem

*\*The Spring/Summer 2020 newsletter edition went to print in April. Due to COVID-19 some information has been modified including events that may have been or will be rescheduled or postponed. Please continue to check the City's website and social media for the most up-to-date information.\**



Robert Donchez, Mayor

Thank you for taking the time to read our Spring/Summer 2020 edition of the City of Bethlehem Newsletter. At the beginning of the year a different edition had been laid out for you, included events that have now been postponed, yard waste pick-up and recycling center hours that have been suspended and tax deadlines that have now been extended.

These are difficult times for all of us, and yet in times of crisis people always find a way to come together even when practicing social distancing. Many citizens and local businesses have reached out asking how they could help – from donating food to those in need to making hand sanitizer and masks for our hospital staffs – it is reassuring to see we are all in this together. There are many good deeds being done by many people.

I am proud of how the community has come together during this time of crisis. I am appreciative of all of our city departments that have stepped up to meet the ever changing demands created by COVID-19.

Staying in touch with our community and residents continues to be a priority. City Council will keep live streaming monthly meetings on YouTube. The Bethlehem Service Center continues to provide support and service 24/7, 365 days a year, where non-emergencies can be reported by phone (610) 865-7000, email [bethlehemservicecenter@bethlehem-pa.gov](mailto:bethlehemservicecenter@bethlehem-pa.gov), or the downloadable App.

Beginning this new decade, Bethlehem has started with an A+ bond rating and balanced budget of \$80,150,000 without a tax increase for our residents. In these uncertain times my administration and I remain dedicated to making the most responsible financial decisions for the good of all the residents in our City.

This year we will also take on the 2020 Census. It's very important for residents to participate in the 2020 Census because it will determine how much funding the City receives from the federal government. Currently 10% of the City's revenue consists of grant funding and allows Bethlehem to invest in many areas throughout the City.

Please check my postings and the city's website for updated information on COVID-19 and city policies. Please practice social distancing, wash your hands and only go out if necessary. If possible, please shop local. Stay healthy and be safe. We will get through this pandemic together.

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# City Council of Bethlehem

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Adam R. Waldron, *President of Council*

*(The Council President is ex-officio and non-voting member of all committees except in case of a tie.)*

Bryan G. Callahan

Michael G. Colón, *Vice President of Council*

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*Contact your Council Member directly through the Council webpage on the City's website: [www.bethlehem-pa.gov](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov)*

## ***Bethlehem City Council Meetings Now Streaming Live on YouTube***

- **City Council Meetings** can now be viewed LIVE while the meeting is taking place or at your convenience after the meeting on the City's website at [www.bethlehem-pa.gov](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov).
- Go to **Quick Links** and click on City Council meeting agendas and documents. To view a live meeting, click on the link at the top of the page titled "View Live Stream City Council Meetings."
- The meetings are also available on **YouTube** at "City of Bethlehem Council" channel.
- City Council meeting agendas, agenda documents, minutes and audio recordings are also available on the City's website.
- City Council Meetings are held on the **first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Town Hall.**

***Due to COVID-19, Pennsylvania's General Primary voting date has be rescheduled to June 2nd.***

## **2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES:**

All Council Meetings begin at 7 pm unless otherwise specified.

March 3rd & March 17th

April 7th & April 21st

May 5th & May 19th

June 2nd & June 16th

July 7th & July 21st

\*August 4th & April 18th

September 1st & September 15th

October 6th & October 20th

\*\*November 4th & November 17th

December 1st & December 15th

*\*Meeting will begin at 5:30 pm due to Musikfest*

*\*\*Wednesday, November 6 – due to November 5 (General Election Day)*



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The Bethlehem Service Center is available for residents to contact for non-emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.

There are four ways to contact the Bethlehem Service Center for non-emergencies:

- ✓ **(610) 865-7000**: can be reached by house phone line or by cell phone. This will dial directly into the BSC for non-emergency questions/city inquiries or city services.
- ✓ **Bethlehem Service Center App**: available to download for most cell phones and tablets on either the Play Store or the App Store on your device and search for "Bethlehem Service Center" or "City of Bethlehem" under Apps.
- ✓ **E-Mail**: The BSC can also be reached at the following e-mail address - [bethlehemservicecenter@bethlehem-pa.gov](mailto:bethlehemservicecenter@bethlehem-pa.gov)
- ✓ **City of Bethlehem Web Page**: By submitting a service request through the City of Bethlehem's "MY ACCOUNT" Portal.

Examples of "non-emergency" customer service: dirty water, pot holes that need to be repaired, etc. The BSC will also provide assistance to any City of Bethlehem residents that may have questions or concerns that need to be addressed.

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# 2020 Census Operational Adjustments Due to COVID-19

The 2020 Census is underway and households across America are responding every day. In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S. Census Bureau has adjusted 2020 Census operations in order to:

- Protect the health and safety of Census Bureau employees and the American public.
- Implement guidance from federal, state, and local health authorities.
- Ensure a complete and accurate count of all communities.

The table below summarizes the adjustments to operations. Should any additional adjustment become necessary, the Census Bureau will promptly publish the change in an updated document.

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## STATUS OF CURRENT OPERATIONS

Activity/Operation	Planned Schedule	Adjustment	Revised Schedule
Self-Response Phase (online, phone, mail)	March 12 – July 31	Extended	March 12 – August 14
Update Leave	March 15 – April 17	Delayed	March 29 – May 1
Update Enumerate	March 16 – April 30	Suspended and extended	March 16 – May 14
Mobile Questionnaire Assistance	March 30 – July 31	Delayed	April 13 – August 14
Early Nonresponse Followup (NRFU)	April 9 – July 31	Delayed	May 7 – August 14
Nonresponse Followup (NRFU) and NRFU Reinterview	May 13 – July 31	Delayed	May 28 – August 14
Group Quarters Enumeration	April 2 – June 5	Delayed	April 16 – June 19
Service-Based Enumeration	March 30 – April 1	Delayed	April 29 – May 1
Census counts people experiencing homelessness outdoors	April 1	Delayed	May 1
Enumeration of Transitory Locations	April 9 – May 4	Delayed	April 23 – May 18
Deliver apportionment counts to the President	By December 31	On schedule	By December 31
Deliver redistricting counts to states	By April 1, 2021	On schedule	By April 1, 2021

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For more information: 2020CENSUS.GOV

## COVID-19

### What is it?

Novel coronavirus COVID-19 is a virus strain that originated in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China that has spread among humans since December 2019. The Bethlehem Health Bureau is working with local partners and monitoring the situation closely.

### How does it spread?

- Through the air by coughing and sneezing.
- Close personal contact such as caring for, or living in close contact with a person who is ill.

### How it is NOT spread

- Through items shipped from China

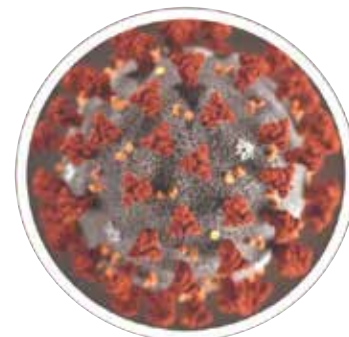
### How can I prevent getting COVID-19 or other respiratory illnesses?

- Wash hands often with soap and water, if water is not available use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you are sick

### Symptoms

- Fever
- Cough
- Difficulty Breathing

CDC believes at this time that symptoms of COVID-19 may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure.





# Police Department

## A Traffic Safety Message From Bethlehem Police – Pedestrians & Driving

Every year across our nation, people are injured and killed crossing streets and roadways. In Bethlehem, the Police respond to numerous vehicle – pedestrian accidents each year. We live at a time where many households have two cars and many people walk or bike ride.

Pedestrian laws can be found under Title 75, Chapter 35, in the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code. These laws are simple: Pedestrians should utilize crosswalks when crossing a street. Crossing in the middle of the street creates a high risk of being struck by a vehicle. Pedestrians are reminded that if you do cross in the middle of the street, the vehicle has the right of way. The pedestrian must yield to the vehicle.

When a pedestrian is at an intersection or crosswalk, he or she has the right of way, but the person cannot just walk out blindly out into the street. The pedestrian must exercise caution and use common sense. Look both ways. Double check before leaving the curb.

When using a crosswalk remember that a driver may not see you. We all see drivers on their cellphones and not paying attention. Distracted driving is a major problem and when you combine it with pedestrian traffic, it creates a recipe for a serious accident to happen.

Bethlehem Police do enforce all pedestrian and vehicle related laws. Fines for these violations range from \$25.00 to several hundred. Bethlehem Police with the City Health Bureau also conduct traffic / pedestrian safety operations each year all over the City.

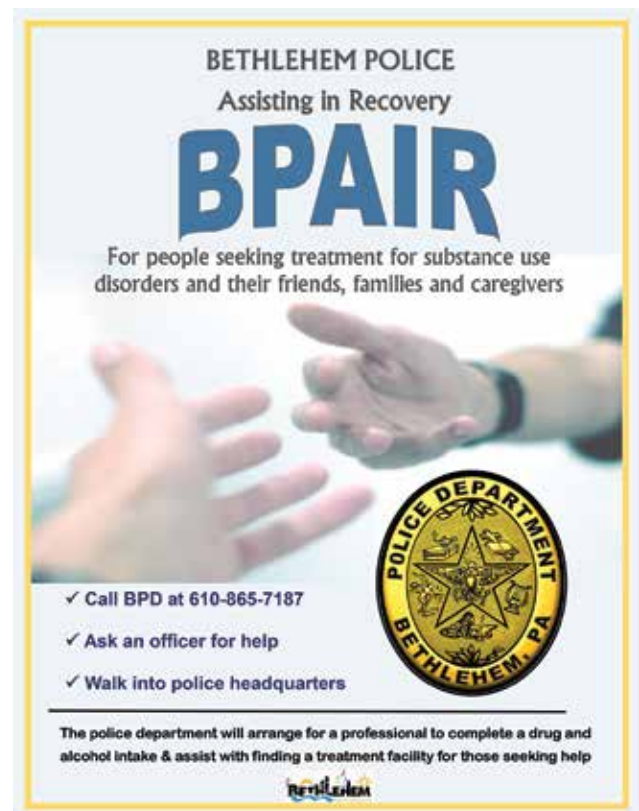
On some of these operations, Traffic Officers issue warning slicks to driver who do not obey pedestrian laws. On other operations, Traffic Officers issue citation with fines. The same is true for pedestrians.

Both the pedestrian and the driver share a responsibility to obey these laws. A person just cannot walk out into the street and expect a car or truck to stop on a dime. The reverse is also true. A driver cannot just drive thru a crosswalk or

intersection blowing their horn at people legally crossing at an intersection or in a crosswalk and expect them to jump out of the way.

Bethlehem hosts many festivals and events each year. We are a very walkable City. When traveling around the City in your vehicle during these events or just normal driving, please pay attention to your surroundings and your driving. Don't be on your cell phone. Slow down. Drive defensively. Exercise caution and common sense. Remember, how you drive may save a person and yourself from injury or death in an accident.

Thank you. Drive Safety.





# Bethlehem Mounted Patrol



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July 11th-12th - **Reserve Kentucky Bourbon**  
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# Fire Department - Fireworks in the City



**Fireworks:** Consumer grade fireworks are legal to purchase in Pennsylvania but are no less dangerous. Fireworks are still hazardous to those setting them off and those in proximity to their use. They have also added to the incident of fire throughout Pennsylvania. Make the safe choice and refrain from using fireworks.

Below is a list of restrictions limited by either Pennsylvania State Law or City of Bethlehem Ordinance.

## Fireworks cannot be used:



- By anyone under the age of 18 years of age.
- By anyone while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Within 150 ft. of an occupied building whether or not someone is inside the building or not.
- Without permission of the property owner.
- On any public property including but not limited to city parks, streets and sidewalks.
- Anywhere between the hours of 9 p.m. and 9 a.m.





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## EMS

Last year Bethlehem EMS handled 12,000 emergency calls. The City's team is comprised of all Advanced Life Support Personnel, highest level of prehospital care. The EMS fleet consists of eight ambulances and two Quick Response Vehicles. The staff of Bethlehem EMS can also be found on bicycles during one of the many festivals held in the city in addition to providing medical coverage on the cities specialty teams.

EMS Week runs from May 17 to May 23. EMS Week was declared by President Gerald Ford in 1974 to celebrate the important role prehospital medical providers provide to local communities.

Please visit the City of Bethlehem's website or EMS's Facebook page for additional information.



## Health

### American Lung Association will conduct a Radon Testing Survey this spring

The Bureau of Radiation Protection of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) has awarded a grant to The American Lung Association in Pennsylvania (ALAPA) to offer free radon test kits to the residents of The City of Bethlehem. This Radon Survey campaign was created to increase public awareness and increase radon testing in the city's households. The ALA will soon be mailing a letter to residents to introduce the survey and details on how households can participate in the survey and receive free testing kits. Radon is a naturally occurring, odorless, invisible radioactive gas that the EPA estimates may cause about 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year nationally. Pennsylvania in general has some of the highest radon values in the country, and this particular area has radon values above the average for the Commonwealth. Any building in contact with the ground can have a radon problem. PADEP has conducted a number of similar targeted radon surveys in other parts of the Commonwealth.



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# COVID-19

## Coronavirus Background

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that are common throughout the world. Human coronaviruses spread just like the flu or a cold—through the air by coughing or sneezing; through close personal contact, like touching or shaking hands; by touching an object or surface with the viruses on it; and occasionally, through fecal contamination. This has occurred previously with the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) outbreaks. Please continue to check the City's Health Bureau website and social media for the most up-to-date information: [www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Health-Bureau/Communicable-Diseases/COVID-19](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Health-Bureau/Communicable-Diseases/COVID-19).



**If you follow these easy steps below you will ensure your own personal safety, as well as the safety of others in your home and community from contracting COVID-19.**

### Know How it Spreads

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The virus is spread mainly from person-to-person.

- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

### Take Steps to Protect Yourself

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap is not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact (social distance). Keep at least 6 feet distance between yourself and other people.

### Take Steps to Protect Others

- Stay home if you are sick, except to seek medical care.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, or use the inside of your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

**If you are sick with COVID-19, or suspected of being infected with COVID-19, follow the steps below to prevent COVID-19 from spreading to people in your home and community.**

### Stay Home Except to get Medical Care

- You should restrict activities outside of your home, except for getting medical care. Do not go to work, school, or public areas. Do not use public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.
- Separate Yourself from Other People in Your Home
- As much as possible, you should stay in a separate room and as far away from other people in the house. Also, you should use a separate bathroom if possible.

### Wear a Facemask

- If you must share a room or be in a vehicle (for a doctor appointment) with someone else wear a facemask. If you cannot wear a face mask due to shortness of breath avoid others as much as possible or have them wear a face mask when near you.

### Monitor your Symptoms

- Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (e.g., shortness of breath or trouble breathing). **Before** seeking care, call your healthcare provider and tell them that you have, or are being evaluated for COVID-19.





# Department of Community & Economic Development

## Struggling to finance your business? The Rising Tide Community Loan Fund is read to help.

Established in 2001, by the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley as a micro-lending subsidiary, the Rising Tide Community Loan Fund is the only federally-certified community development financial institution based in the Lehigh Valley. Certified by the US Treasury, its mission is to identify small business and community development credit needs that may stifle the creation of economic opportunities for growth and to meet those needs with affordable business loans. Currently there has been more than \$8 million lent to over 200 small businesses.

The Rising Tide is not your traditional lender; it is a local nonprofit that raises capital from banks, local government and generous private citizens to support small business development in the region, especially entrepreneurs who are low- to moderate-income and/or who will operate their business in a low- to moderate-income census area (often our inner cities). Start-up businesses and women- and/or minority-owned businesses are welcomed to apply. This loan fund lends to those to whom banks cannot. Instead of competing with traditional lenders, Rising Tide Community works to partner with them to support the business, help it grow and return to the mainstream credit system. Once a business becomes "bankable" it is in the business's best interest to seek future funding from their financial institution as they can often obtain better terms.

The Rising Tide provides support to businesses within a five-county area; Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, and upper Bucks. The Rising Tide Community loans are able

to be more flexible on loan terms, the type of businesses that can be supported, as well as the borrower's qualifications. Perhaps most importantly, start-ups can qualify, which many banks are unable to do. The non-profit is looking for signs that the loan will make a difference and will get re-paid, so future lending can be more flexible with credit scores and collateral. A start-up business may qualify for up to \$50,000 while an existing business (meaning one that has been in operation for at least 12 months) can apply for up to \$150,000.

In addition to this loan programs, since 2012, The Rising Tide has administered the Bethlehem Small Business Loan Fund on behalf of the City of Bethlehem. This resource can provide businesses located in the city with a low-interest loan up to \$100,000 that can be used for the acquisition of property, new construction, rehabilitation or expansion, some predevelopment costs or the purchase of equipment that is integral to the business. Under this partnership, more than \$1 million has been lent to small businesses here in Bethlehem. These businesses are creating jobs, generating new sources of income for our residents and paying local taxes.

In addition to lending options, The Rising Tide Community can help you with guidance on how to start your business, prepare a business plan or budget, and other technical assistance.

If you are having difficulty finding financing for your business, The Rising Tide Community Loan Fund might be able to help.

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# Department of Community & Economic Development

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## City Façade Grant and Loan Programs

Thanks to a matching grant program sponsored by Northampton County, some local businesses are getting a facelift. Two façade improvement projects have been completed and a third is underway while several others are actively being considered. Business owners looking to upgrade their storefronts with new signage, lighting, painting or other improvements are encouraged to apply.

For larger projects, commercial building owners can access up to \$60,000 in low-cost exterior building improvement funds. These loans, which can pay for new roofing, repointing, painting, windows and any other outside building improvements, are available through the city's Department of Community and Economic Development. Forgivable loans up to \$20,000 are also available for ADA improvements.

Façade grants are available until June 2020, while the Exterior Building Improvement Loan is in effect until funding is exhausted.

Applications for both programs can be found on the city's website or by calling the Department of Community and Economic Development at (610) 865-7085.

## Staying Connected to Our Business Community

Due to the ripple effects from COVID-19, we need your involvement now more than ever. The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce's mission is to advocate, preserve and advance business and community interests to further economic growth in the City of Bethlehem. Mark your calendars with our upcoming events that you can find on sites: [www.lehighvalleychamber.org](http://www.lehighvalleychamber.org), [www.getdowntownbethlehem.com](http://www.getdowntownbethlehem.com) and [southsideartsdistrict.com](http://southsideartsdistrict.com).

For more information you can reach us at (610) 739-3385 or at [angelad@lehighvalleychamber.org](mailto:angelad@lehighvalleychamber.org).

The Downtown Bethlehem Association and SouthSide Arts District have been hard at work to find ways to help the local business community stay as healthy as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the effects of COVID-19, some event dates throughout the city will be postponed. For the most current up-to-date information on ways to help the heart of our business community visit sites: [www.getdowntownbethlehem.com/events](http://www.getdowntownbethlehem.com/events), [southsideartsdistrict.com/support-local-merchants](http://southsideartsdistrict.com/support-local-merchants). Contact DBA Manager Tammy Wendling at (610) 739-1775 or email [tammyw@lehighvalleychamber.org](mailto:tammyw@lehighvalleychamber.org). Contact SouthSide Arts District Downtown Manager, Missy Hartney [missy@southsideartsdistrict.com](mailto:missy@southsideartsdistrict.com).

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## **City of Bethlehem Receives Two “Great Places in Pennsylvania” Awards from the American Planning Association**

The City of Bethlehem was designated two awards by the Pennsylvania chapter of the American Planning Association in their Great Places in Pennsylvania contest for the year of 2019. Both the Historic and South sides of the city were recognized for having unique, memorable places that enhance life in the community and support a sustainable vision for tomorrow.

Main Street Bethlehem in the Historic District was recognized for its historic character, variety of events, economic impact, and ongoing effort to sustain and enhance the area and was granted the “Great Public Space” award. The South Bethlehem Greenway was granted the “Great Transformation” award, recognized for the incredible transformation from a blighted rail corridor into a community asset that promotes an array of opportunities for social interaction and inspires positive economic impact.

The Great Places judges noted the engagement of partners and stakeholders, local and regional economic impact, and strengthening of community vitality stemming from planning efforts across the city and deemed Bethlehem worthy of not one, but two “Great Place” awards, one on each side of the Lehigh River.

For more information on the APA Great Places awards, please visit: [planningpa.org/about/great-places-in-pennsylvania-2](http://planningpa.org/about/great-places-in-pennsylvania-2)

## **Bethlehem awarded a 5-year Enterprise Zone Designation**

The City of Bethlehem was awarded a 5-Year Enterprise Zone Designation through the Keystone Communities Program by the Pennsylvania Dept. of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED). The designation took effect immediately and ends on September 30th, 2024. This designation provides the added benefit of priority consideration under several PA DCED programs including the Keystone Communities program. The designation also qualifies as a “distressed area” under the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP).

This designation helps to encourage investment in blighted, vacant, and underutilized properties within Bethlehem.

Some of the benefits of the Enterprise Zone include:

- Increasing the access of local firms to financing by lending institutions on mutually advantageous terms.
- Eligible businesses located within the zone receive priority consideration when bidding on state government contracts.
- Eligible businesses located within the zone receive priority consideration when applying for financial assistance to clean up contaminated sites under Act II.
- Eligible businesses receive priority consideration for any resource administered by the commonwealth that would assist in leveraging imminent business investment and job creation in an Enterprise Zone



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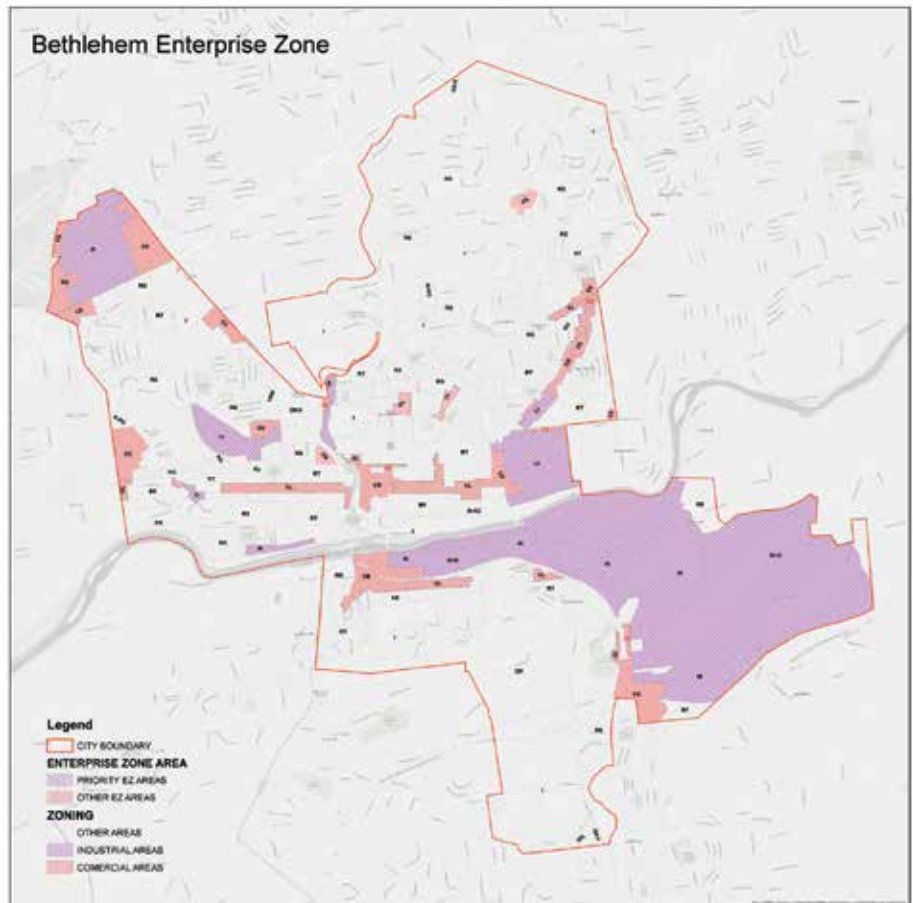
The Neighborhood Assistance Program: Enterprise Zone Tax Credit Program has been an extremely important resource in helping to encourage investment in Bethlehem over the recent years. Since 2015, there have been 8 EZ Tax Credits approved for a total of \$2.15M.

- 25% Sellable Tax Credit up to \$500,000.
- Projects include: The Flat Iron Building, Gateway Building, Vastex International, The Factory, Riverport Market, 2010 Spillman Dr., and 2675 Commerce Center Blvd.
- Eligible Expenses: Acquisition, Improvement to Land/Building, Rehabilitation, Expansion, Engineering, Architecture

Anyone interested or engaged in a project between 7/1/20 – 6/30/21 is encouraged to contact Bethlehem DCED.

Contact the City of Bethlehem Dept. of Community & Economic Development if you are interested in learning more about the Bethlehem Enterprise Zone.

Email [econdev@bethlehem-pa.gov](mailto:econdev@bethlehem-pa.gov) or call (610) 865-4347.



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# TAXES

***Due to COVID-19 due dates and deadlines have been extended.***

City of Bethlehem 2020 Real Estate Property Tax is due in full-postmarked by Aug. 10th.

2019 Business Privilege & Mercantile Tax Returns are due July 15th.

2019 Earned Income Tax Returns are due July 15th

The Federal Tax deadline has been extended to July 15th.

## LOCAL SERVICES TAX (LST) FILING

The Local Services Tax (LST) rate for the City of Bethlehem is \$52 for per person who is employed or self-employed within the City of Bethlehem. Most employers withhold this tax and list it as the "LST TAX" on an employee's pay stub or W-2 form. Self-employed persons are responsible to file/pay the tax themselves quarterly.

The City of Bethlehem uses a third party servicer for collection of Local Services Tax. LST tax payments and returns for the City of Bethlehem are processed by:

### **Keystone Collections Group**

<https://www.keystonecollects.com/forms/category/Taxpayer>

Phone: (888)519-3897

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

To have the quarterly "Self-Pay" LST vouchers automatically mailed to you please contact Keystone Collections Group.

## 2020 REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS

### **Property Tax Millage Rates**

The current (2020) millage rates for the City portion of the real estate tax bill are:

Parcels located within Lehigh County – 5.76

Parcels located within Northampton County – 18.22

### **Due Dates**

City of Bethlehem 2020 Real Estate Property Tax deadlines have been extended to May 11th for the 2% discount period. All Property taxes are due in full August 10, 2020. Installment plans (Quarterly Payments) are not eligible for the early payment discount. All payments not received in full that are not enrolled in the quarterly installment plan will be assessed a 10% penalty. All unpaid 2020 property tax collections will be turned over to Portnoff Law Associates, Ltd as of close of business on December 31, 2020.

For additional questions or assistance with obtaining/paying a property tax bill, Please contact the Tax Bureau:

City of Bethlehem Tax Bureau

Phone: (610) 865-7022

E-Mail: [TaxDepartment@Bethlehem-pa.gov](mailto:TaxDepartment@Bethlehem-pa.gov)

## BUSINESS PRIVILEGE AND MERCANTILE TAX/LICENSE FILING

A Business Privilege License (BPL) is required by all persons and/or businesses that engage in a business, profession, or other commercial activity within the City of Bethlehem. The BPL annual license fee is \$25.00. The license period runs from May 1st through April 30th of the following year.

The 2019 Business Privilege & Mercantile Tax Return date has been extended to **July 15, 2020.**

The City of Bethlehem uses a third party servicer for BPL Licensing and collection of Business Privilege and Mercantile Tax. All BPL registrations, Business Privilege and Mercantile tax payments and returns for the City of Bethlehem are processed by:

### **Tri-State Financial Group**

Website: <http://www.tfgtax.com>

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# Special Events in the City of Bethlehem

Bethlehem, known as one of the largest festival cities in Pa., hosts over 150 events each year. In order to help these events run as smoothly as possible the City has created a team with members from all essential departments. This team hosts a monthly meeting for event organizers and vendors alike to come to Town Hall and ask questions or get direction for their ideas and plans. The Special Activates Meeting (S.A.M) is held the second Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m., in the city's Town Hall.

Can't make the meeting time, but are planning to host an event either public or private and are serving food and/or beverages to the public or are using any City services?

Contact Judith Stiles in the Recreation Department at (610) 865-7081 or [Jstiles@bethlehem-pa.gov](mailto:Jstiles@bethlehem-pa.gov) to collect the needed paper work.

The Special Event application can be picked up in person at the City of Bethlehem Recreation Department or on the website, [www.bethlehem-pa.gov](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov) under Forms/Permits. Additional permits and licenses may be necessary depending on the details of your event.

## Northside Events

***Due to COVID-19 pandemic, all events scheduled are subject to change. Please visit websites: [getdowntownbethlehem.com](http://getdowntownbethlehem.com) and [southsideartsdistrict.com](http://southsideartsdistrict.com)***

### TUNES AT TWILIGHT

Every Thursday May 7 - July 16

### BETHLEHEM VEFFEST

Saturday, June 20

### HISTORIC BETHLEHEM SUMMER RESTAURANT WEEK

June 21 - June 27



## SouthSide Arts District

### SOUTHSIDE ARTS DISTRICT CALENDAR

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### First Friday

May 1st, June 5th, July 3rd, August 7th

The evenings feature homegrown concert series - showcasing over 10 local musicians all evening long throughout the shops and restaurants of Third & Fourth streets.

### Sip & Slide Summer Cocktail Crawl

Saturday, June 13th 1 to 5 p.m.

Patrons can purchase their passport online or onsite at the SouthSide Arts District office at 324 S. New Street. Enjoy 10 summer themed sample sized cocktails (such as Mojitos, Margaritas & Pina Coladas) from your favorite SouthSide restaurants and shops. Passports on sale May 2020.

### Summer Restaurant Week

Monday, July 13th – Sunday, July 19th

Join us July 13th through July 19th for the SouthSide Arts District's Summer Restaurant Week.

### Taste of the SouthSide

Sunday, September 20th 1pm – 5pm

Try up to 20 samples of food and beverages from over 20 different restaurants, breweries and wine distributors. Passports on sale July 2020.

### Screen on the Green

August – September

The SouthSide Arts District welcomes you to enjoy a free movie under the stars - Screen on the Green. Join us on the South Bethlehem Greenway between New & Adams streets Parking is conveniently across the street at 324 S. New Street's Parking Garage.



# Bethlehem Area Public Library

## BAPL Hangs New Portrait of Local Literary Legend H.D.



Portrait title: "my own spirit for light"

Photo credit: Ken Ek

Image description and credit: H.D.  
portrait detail, Angela Fraleigh

There's a new face at the Bethlehem Area Public Library. Her name is H.D., and BAPL is thrilled to finally hang her portrait for everyone in our community to enjoy.

The portrait will hang permanently in the Main Library at West Church Street, commemorating H.D. as a citizen of Bethlehem who made a tremendous contribution to literature and the world—and who, as a child, lived on land where the library now stands.

Bethlehem native Hilda Doolittle (1886-1961), known as H.D., drew on the experiences of her hometown throughout her long writing life. H.D.'s innovative and experimental poetry and prose established her as a leading Modernist in the early twentieth century, and she is widely recognized today as a queer, feminist visionary. She remains the most influential literary figure born in the Lehigh Valley, and in 2017, in partnership with Lehigh University and the American Library Association, BAPL was recognized as a Literary Landmark in honor of H.D.'s childhood home.

The portrait commission was undertaken in conjunction with Finding H.D., a year-long public exploration of the life and work of the poet, which culminated in the premiere of a new play by Mock Turtle Marionette Theater in October of 2019 at Touchstone Theatre's Festival Unbound. Finding H.D. was a partnership between the Lehigh University English Department, Mock Turtle Marionette Theater, the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, and BAPL.

The portrait was painted by Angela Fraleigh, professor and chair of the Moravian College art department. "Not only is H.D.'s poetry evocative and mesmerizing," says Fraleigh, "but her work aligns with my own interests, as she helps reconstruct a mythic past for women. It's an honor to receive this commission." BAPL announced an open call for portrait submissions in the spring of 2019, and the commission was awarded by a committee of Finding H.D. stakeholders, artists, and community members.

"The idea for a portrait of H.D. came from renowned local portrait artist Ben Fortunado Marcune, who approached us with a proposal in 2017," says BAPL Executive Director Josh Berk. "Unfortunately, Ben passed away before work could begin on the painting. We were so saddened by this loss, but decided to move ahead with the portrait of Bethlehem's greatest literary light."

The next time you're at the library, stop in and discover H.D. through her poems and essays, which are available in the library's collection.

## Going up? Southside location Library's new elevator:

The City of Bethlehem is proud to partner with the Bethlehem Area Public Library to help fund the installation of a new elevator at its South Side location. Funding is provided from the City of Bethlehem's Community Development Block Grant Program through The Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Bethlehem Area Public Library gives all of its patrons free access to its many programs. Part of the Library's community programming includes classes for continuing education, entertainment, and physical fitness programming.

In the South Side Branch, these programs are held in a community room on the lower level only accessible by narrow stairs, as the 1930's building was constructed without an elevator. This limited access results in the detriment to many groups of people that are unable to use the stairs such as seniors with limited mobility, parents with strollers, and those with wheelchairs, walkers, and carts. Many of its patrons are also have limited transportation to other Library branches to take advantage of these programs leaving them without the ability to participate.

The lack of accessibility has become an increasingly large issue with the noticeable increase in foot traffic through the library.

Since 2014, foot traffic in the library has increased over 33%. As popularity with the library's programs has increased so has the number of individuals turned away due to inability to access the lower level community room.

Installation of the elevator will allow all patrons to have physical access to everything the library has to offer--not just materials that they can check in or check out on the library floor, but actual experiences and interactions within the community that are so vital to staying in touch with current events, new discoveries in technology, new developments in creative content areas. Once started, the project will take six months and cost approximately \$112,000.



# Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission

*Due to COVID-19 pandemic, events scheduled maybe subject to change.*

*\*Due to COVID-19 the annual Mother's Day weekend, Downtown Bethlehem Fine Arts and Crafts Show, has been canceled for 2020.\**

## Arts Grants

The Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission invites area arts organizations to submit proposals for annual arts grants. The grants are offered to encourage new works of art, educational programs, exhibits, presentations, and other arts-related activities. This grant program supports the mission of the Fine Arts Commission, which is to provide leadership in the arts through advocacy, education, and celebration. This spring the Commission is offering grants to local arts organizations and artists for events in the June 2020 to May 2021 period. Deadline for applying is Friday, May 15. For details on how to apply, see <https://bfac-lv.org/grants/>.

## Tribute to the Arts

The Tribute to the Arts is a bi-annual event that recognizes and honors Individuals or organizations who engage in artistic endeavors that enrich our community in lasting and meaningful ways. Nominations for a Tribute to the Arts Award 2020 are now being accepted through May 1st. Please submit a letter stating the person or group you wish to nominate, along with a description of the work to be considered. Include contact information for both you and your nominee with your submission. Email to [maryjmulder@gmail.com](mailto:maryjmulder@gmail.com) or mail to Mary Mulder, 147 East Market St., Bethlehem, PA 18018.

Upcoming artistic events hosted by BFAC:

Rotunda Gallery Exhibitions at the Bethlehem Town Hall Rotunda Gallery, 10 E. Church Street, Bethlehem. Shows remain in the Rotunda for approximately six weeks. Admission is free and entrance to the gallery is through the City Hall lobby. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m., to 4:30 p.m. Closed weekends and holidays.

## Sculpture Garden Concert Series

BFAC's Free Summer Concert Series in the Sculpture Garden next to Bethlehem City Hall from 6 to 8 p.m., on June 12, June 19, June 26, July 10 and July 17.

The rain location will be the Bob Cohen Room at the Bethlehem Area Public Library. Families are welcome to bring blankets or folding chairs and picnics for the outside concerts.

### Exhibitions from April to September 2020

#### PRINTMAKERS SOCIETY OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY *Members Exhibition*

May 17 to June 25

Reception: Sunday, 17, 2:00 to 4:00 PM

#### ELENA SHACKLETON - Paintings

July 1 to August 7

Reception: Sunday, July 12, 2:00 to 4:00 PM

#### BETHLEHEM CITY ART COLLECTION *Selections and New Acquisitions*

August 13 to September 22

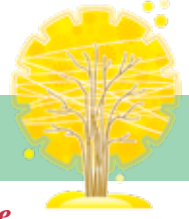
Reception: Sunday, August 16, 2:00 to 4:00 PM







# RECREATION



## UPCOMING SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS

*hosted by the City of Bethlehem's Recreation Department*

***Due to COVID-19 pandemic, events scheduled maybe subject to change.***

### Summer Playground Program:

Our free supervised playground program for Bethlehem residents will begin on Monday, June 15th and will be held at Bernie Fritz, Clearview, Elmwood, Higby, and Yosko Parks this summer. Activities include arts and crafts, games, sports, special events, and more.

**Mark your calendars for our 25th Annual Bernie Fritz Night  
on Wednesday, July 22nd**

### Pools and Splash Park:

Stay cool this summer by visiting one of our five pools or our splash park. We are excited to announce that Memorial Pool will be open this summer after being closed two seasons. All pools open for the season on Wednesday, June 10th. Season passes are available.

### Swimming Lessons:

Swimming lessons for ages 4 to 12 years and are held at Clearview Pool on Pinehurst Road. Our instructors provide a fun and safe environment where children can learn the lifelong skill of swimming. Lessons are designed for beginners and will focus on water acclimation and basic swimming skills. Each session includes six lessons with four free swimming practice passes.

### Music in the Parks:

Our annual *Music in the Parks* program will be held at the *Rose Garden* for the months of May, June, and July. Concerts in August and September will be held at *Bernie Fritz Park* on Memorial Ave due to construction at the Rose Garden during those months.

### Sand Island Tennis:

Our Sand Island tennis program begins on Saturday, May 25th. We offer court time, lessons, clinics, and leagues on one of the few clay courts in the Lehigh Valley.

Check our website for more information pertaining to all of our recreation programs:  
<https://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/Recreation/>

## MOVIE NIGHTS

Our free *Movies in the Park* program continues this summer. Movies start at dusk and will be held at the following parks on the dates below:

June 5th @ Northdale Park  
June 17th @ Rose Garden  
June 24th @ Clearview Park  
July 8th @ Elmwood Park  
July 22nd @ Bernie Fritz Park  
TBD\*\* @ Yosko Park



## City of Bethlehem's Street Sweeping Schedule April 1st – Oct 31st, Tuesday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

***Due to COVID-19, the street sweeping program will continue without parking restriction enforcement until further notice. Check the City's website and social media for the most up-to-date information.***

The Department Of Public Works would like to make an announcement that the Bureau of Streets will begin its street sweeping program on April 1st through Oct. 31st. During this time frame street sweeping activities will operate every Tuesday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the posted roads throughout the city limits. The regularly scheduled street sweeping routes that are main thoroughfares in the city are posted with "**No Parking**" signs alerting motorists of parking restrictions for a given day and time. Vehicles must be kept off these posted streets to allow for affective street cleaning.

Please check the City Of Bethlehem's web page to get a list of the posted area and times the streets will be swept.

The city is broken into 88 sweeping districts that are not posted and tries to deploy three sweepers each day to run through these areas, roads that are under 12' wide do not get swept.

If you have any questions, please call Department of Public Works at (610) 865-7053. *You may also call this number if you want to report any Potholes.*

## City Street Trees

Bethlehem takes its Tree City USA seriously. This year the City received a “Sterling Tree City USA” award from the Arbor Day Foundation of participating in the Growth Award Program, making this the 11th year the city has qualified for a Tree City USA Growth Award in recognition of environmental improvement and achievements in education and public relations, partnerships, planning and management, and tree planting and maintenance. For its 26th year Bethlehem has been named as a Tree City USA, working to encouraging and engaging residents to take an active part in managing our City trees. The careful and responsible management of our urban forest and compliance with the shade tree ordinance is essential if we are to ensure that future generations may experience the many benefits street trees offer the community.



Please remember any work performed on a street tree requires a tree permit and all work must be performed by a City approved licensed arborist. Information and lists regarding trees, permits, and licensed arborists can be found on the City of Bethlehem's website under Urban Forestry.

Permit and licensing requirements to perform work on trees within the right of way help monitor the status of the urban forest and regulate trees that have the potential to affect public property. The removal of dead or declining trees, use of proper pruning techniques, and specified clearances of vegetation from city infrastructure provide for the clear safe passage of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. These regulations concern the health, safety, and general welfare of the public while providing for the care and sustainability of our public trees. A well-maintained urban forest presents a neat, attractive image to residents and visitors while enhancing property values and contributing numerous environmental benefits.



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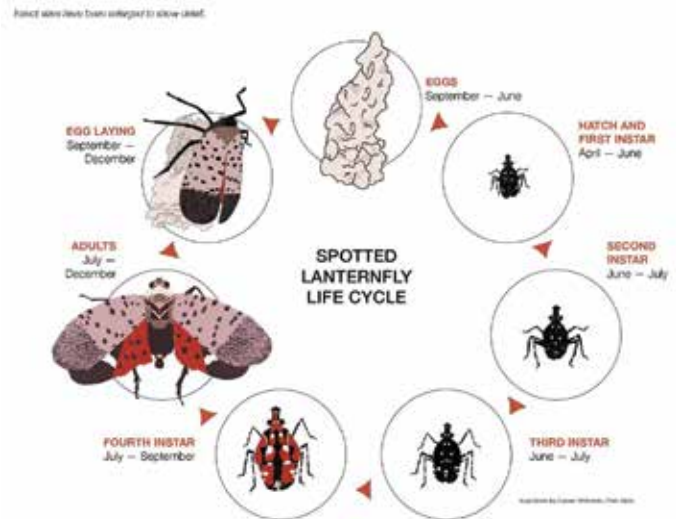




# Spotted Lantern Fly Information

With the warm weather approaching and “spring” on our doorstep, it brings everyone wanting to go outside. Not only do humans want to get out and enjoy the warm weather but the pesky insect that we all are well aware of do, too. That’s right, starting in April, the Spotted Lantern Fly begins to hatch into its first Instar stage. A common question the Forestry Bureau receives here at the City of Bethlehem is what can be done to control these pests? A number of remedies and other control methods can be found on the Penn State Extension website. In addition, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will be treating Ailanthus (Tree of Heaven) on City of Bethlehem properties this summer to better help control the Spotted Lantern Fly.

Please visit the Penn State Extension website to learn more:  
<https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>



## Bethlehem Parking Authority

Using the MobileNOW! app to pay for parking in Bethlehem? If you are, make sure you’re taking advantage of some of the perks!

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# Water and Sewer

## HISTORY OF THE BETHLEHEM WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

Up through the early part of the 20th century, the primary source of water for residents of the City of Bethlehem was the Lehigh River and wells at Illick's Mill. The Lehigh River was being used heavily by industry and this was an era before many environmental protection laws were enacted. City leaders at the time recognized that a more reliable and better supply of drinking water, in quality and quantity, was needed to meet the needs of a rapidly expanding economy and growing population.

As a result, in 1918, Bethlehem City Council directed the City Engineer, Robert L. Fox, to perform a comprehensive survey of new sources of water that would meet the needs of the community for future generations. This survey led to the selection of an area in the Pocono Mountains in Carbon County, the Wild Creek Watershed, which would serve as a prime location for a reservoir along with construction of a transmission main to carry the water down to the City.



On July 26, 1938, City Council created the Bethlehem Municipal Water Authority, the first one to be established in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Soon thereafter the State Water and Power Resources Board granted permission to the Authority to utilize the waters of the Wild Creek Watershed and construct a reservoir for the City's use.

Construction of the Wild Creek Reservoir, a new treatment building, two one-mile rock tunnels, and 21 miles of 30" diameter water transmission main commenced on December 29, 1938. Work progressed at a rapid pace and in January 1941 the project was completed at a total cost of \$4.1 million. The reservoir has a total capacity of 3.9 billion gallons and covers a surface area of 304 acres. 1.3 million cubic yards of earth in-fill was used to construct the dam.

In 1938, the daily consumption of water in the City was 4 MGD (million gallons per day). In 1944 the consumption rose to 17 MGD; in 1955 to 20 MGD; and in 1980 to 26 MGD. The rapid increase of water consumption during and after World War II, due in no small part to the growth of Bethlehem Steel plus the demands of new neighborhoods and small businesses, caused the City to once again consider acquiring additional watershed land to supplement the original Wild Creek development. As a result, City Council and the Bethlehem Authority decided to purchase additional acreage north of the Wild Creek Reservoir and to construct a second reservoir, the Penn Forest Reservoir, upstream of the Wild Creek Reservoir. Total watershed area under the Authority's ownership was now approximately 23-square miles.

Construction of the Penn Forest Reservoir commenced in 1956 and was completed in September 1958 at a cost of \$8 million. The reservoir has a total capacity of 6 billion gallons and covers a surface area of 480 acres. 1.9 million cubic yards of earth in-fill was used for the dam. The two reservoirs, Wild Creek and Penn Forest, operate in series where water flows from Penn Forest down to Wild Creek and then from there to the City via transmission mains. The combined capacity of both reservoirs is enough water to supply the City for two years at current consumption rate.



The Bethlehem Authority had another opportunity in 1967 to add to their watershed holdings. Approximately 9-square miles of property along the Tunkhannock Creek in Monroe County near Long Pond were purchased. Water from Tunkhannock Creek is piped to the Penn Forest reservoir and is used as a back-up emergency supply.

In the mid-1990's it was discovered that the Penn Forest Dam was experiencing significant structural degradation and was leaking. It was determined that a new replacement dam was needed. Construction on the new Penn Forest Dam commenced in June 1996 and was completed in November 1998. Refilling the reservoir took six months and it was placed in service in June 1999. The new dam is a roller-compacted concrete design filled with 370,000 cubic yards of concrete. It is the largest dam of its kind east of the Mississippi River. Construction cost of the new dam was \$65 million.

The City and Authority take great pride in its source water and watershed properties in Monroe and Carbon Counties. Our water quality receives high marks from consumers, businesses, and regulators. It is a testament to City leaders who had the foresight back in the early part of the 20th century to secure and develop a high quality source of water for future generations. It is up to us, the present generation, to be responsible stewards of the watershed and to ensure it remains a viable and clean source of water for posterity.



# DROP BY DROP - *Use Water Wisely*

Water is an important natural resource. We use it every day at home and at work in so many ways that we take it for granted. Residents and businesses can help monitor and reduce their water use in order to conserve this valuable resource and to save money. Here are some tips for monitoring usage and conserving water.

- Be aware of how much water you use! Know where your water meter is located, how it operates, and review your water bill for accuracy. If you believe there is a problem or malfunction, please contact the city's utility billing department.
- Check for and repair all leaks, especially toilets and faucets. Small leaks can waste significant amounts of water over time.
- Install water-saving plumbing fixtures such as low-flow toilets, shower heads, and faucet aerators. This can also save energy used by your hot water heater.
- Operate clothes washers and dishwashers only when they are fully loaded.
- Do not let faucets run continuously while brushing your teeth, shaving, washing dishes, cooking and cleaning.
- Take shorter showers.
- Use frost-free hose connections outdoors.
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clear driveways, steps and sidewalks.
- Water lawns only when needed.
- Adjust lawn mower blade to a higher setting during hot summer months.
- Use soaker hoses or a trickle irrigation system for shrubs and gardens.
- Mulch shrubs and flower beds to improve water retention and reduce evaporation.
- Cover swimming pools to reduce evaporation.
- Wash the car with water from a bucket and use a hose with a shutoff nozzle.

Being aware of your water usage and making modest changes in water use habits can have a significant impact on conservation and money savings over the long term.

## Important contact information:

For non-emergency billing or metering inquiries: (610) 865-7070 or [custserv@bethlehem-pa.gov](mailto:custserv@bethlehem-pa.gov)  
For water or sewer emergencies, contact the Bethlehem Service Center: (610) 865-7000 or (610) 865-7077.



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# Recycling

Due to COVID-19 Northampton County's electronics recycling event dates, April 18th, 25th, and May 9th have been canceled. Check Northampton County's website for updates.





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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



# Household Electronics Recycling

## Drop-Off Collection Events

Drop-Off events are intended for Northampton County residents

Fees apply for recycling most electronics





**9AM-12PM** rain or shine      **Payment Accepted:** Cash or Checks (payable to Clean Earth) No credit cards.

2020 EVENT DATES & LOCATIONS	ACCEPTED ITEMS	
	<b>April 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>WM Grand Central Landfill Office</b> 910 W Pennsylvania Ave Pen Argyl, 18072	<b>MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRONICS: NO CHARGE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cables &amp; Cords</li> <li>• Cell Phone</li> <li>• Server/Tower</li> <li>• Circuit Board</li> <li>• Laptop</li> <li>• Telephone</li> <li>• Keyboards &amp; Mice</li> <li>• Tablet</li> <li>• Hard Drive</li> <li>• Toner &amp; Ink Cartridge</li> <li>• Desktop Computer</li> <li>• Lead Acid Battery</li> </ul>
	<b>April 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Easton Area High School</b> 2601 William Penn Hwy Easton, 18045	<b>MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRONICS: \$1/each</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 35 mm Slide Projector</li> <li>• Alarm Clock</li> <li>• Answering Machine</li> <li>• Calculator</li> <li>• Camera</li> <li>• CD Player/Recorder</li> <li>• Coffee Maker</li> <li>• Dictation Equipment</li> <li>• Electric Pencil Sharpener</li> <li>• Electric Razor</li> <li>• Electronic Typewriter</li> <li>• Fax Machine</li> <li>• Joy Stick</li> <li>• Microphone</li> <li>• Modem</li> <li>• Movie Projector</li> <li>• Pager</li> <li>• Power Tool</li> <li>• Radio</li> <li>• Record Player</li> <li>• Stereo/Walkman</li> <li>• Stereo Speaker</li> <li>• String lights</li> <li>• Tape Recorder/Deck</li> <li>• Toaster</li> <li>• VCR</li> <li>• Video Game Console</li> </ul>
	<b>May 9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Easton Recycling Center</b> 500 Bushkill Dr. Easton, 18042	<b>BATTERIES:</b> Household Batteries ..... \$0.75/lb.
	<b>June 13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Northampton Borough Community Center</b> 1601 Laubach Ave Northampton, 18067	<b>BULBS:</b> Fluorescent Bulb ..... \$0.25 Specialty Bulb ..... \$2.00 <i>(Metal Halide, HID, High Pressure)</i>
	<b>Sept. 19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink</b> 345 Illicks Mill Rd. Bethlehem, 18017	<b>COMPUTER EQUIPMENT:</b> Audio/Visual Tape ..... \$0.50 Desktop Printer ..... \$5.00 Desktop Scanner ..... \$5.00 Multifunctional/ All-in-1 ..... \$20.00
	<b>Sept. 26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Forks Twp. Public Works Facility</b> 100 Newlins Rd. East Easton, 18040	<b>HOUSEHOLD ITEMS*:</b> Humidifier.....\$5.00 Microwave ..... \$5.00 Vacuum Cleaner.....\$3.00 <b>*NO FREON APPLIANCES*</b>
	<b>Oct. 17<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Easton Recycling Center</b> 500 Bushkill Dr. Easton, 18042	<b>TELEVISIONS &amp; MONITORS - MUST BE INTACT</b> LCD TVs & Plasma Monitor .....\$10.00 CRT TVs & Monitor - 20" & smaller.....\$20.00 CRT TVs & Monitor - 21" & larger.....\$40.00 Projection TV .....\$50.00 Console TV .....\$50.00

• [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org) •



2020



NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

May 16th  
8:30AM-2PM  
rain or shine



# Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Collection Event

Northampton Community College  
3835 Green Pond Rd., Bethlehem 18020  
(must use Main entrance on Green Pond Rd.)

Collection events are intended for Northampton County residents only. Proof of residency is required. Staff has the right to determine and refuse commercial, business and organizational hazardous waste.

View Drop off Guidelines at [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org)



## ACCEPTED MATERIALS:



### Automotive Products

Motor Oil, Transmission / Starter / Brake Fluid, Antifreeze, Fuel Additives, Gasoline, Oil, Gas/Oil Mixture, Grease & Rust Solvents



### Household Products

Acids, Adhesives/ Glues, Aerosols, Ballasts, Batteries (Non-Alkaline), Caulking, Caustics, CFLs, Cleaners, Compounds, Degreasers, Drain Openers, Fire Extinguishers, Flammables, Fluorescent Tubes, Kerosene, Mothballs/Flakes, Oxidizers, Reactives, Thermostats & Thermometers



### Outdoor Products

Asphalt / Driveway Sealers, Roof Cement, Propane Tanks (20 lbs. or less), Fertilizer, Pesticides, Herbicides, Insecticides, Weed Killers, Swimming Pool Chemicals



### Paint Products

Oil-Based Paint, Remover, Shellac, Solvent, Sprays, Stain, Stripper, Varnish, Thinner, Turpentine



## RESTRICTED MATERIALS:

**NO** Alkaline Batteries (Trash) • Ammunition/ Explosives • Appliances/ Scrap Metal/ White Goods • Bulk Waste • Commercial/ Industrial waste • Electronics • Fireworks/ Flares • Freon • Gas Cylinders/ Helium Tanks • Infectious/ Medical Waste/ SHARPS • Latex/ Water- Based Paint • Radioactive Waste • Smoke/ Carbon Monoxide Detectors • Tires • Unidentified Waste

• View the 2020 E-waste Recycling Collection Schedule at [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org) •

## Recycling *continued from page 26*

*Due to COVID-19 pandemic, at time of print, all recycling facilities' schedules are subject to change. Curb-side pickup will continue as usual. Please check the City's website and social media for the most current updates.*

### **Yard Waste Drop Off Bethlehem Yard Waste Facility**

1480 Schoenersville Road  
Monday – Saturday: 9 am to 3 pm  
Sunday: 10 am to 2 pm

**FACILITY IS CLOSED DURING THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER, FEBRUARY & MARCH**  
**Materials Accepted:** Leaves (loose or in brown paper bags), small brush up to 4" diameter (no longer than 6'), hedge trimmings, garden plant residue, Christmas trees (free of ornaments and tinsel).

**Not Accepted:** Sod, grass clippings, tree stumps, plastic bags, soil / mulch, root balls, bamboo.

**No Dumping:** Dumping is illegal and violators will be fined according to City Ordinances.

**Please note:** All loads must be tarped when entering or exiting the facility.

**Loading Service:** \$10 per cubic yard. *Pickup trucks can no longer be self-loaded. There is a limit of 3- 30 gallon containers that may be self-loaded.*

**Please Note:** *Materials may only be dropped off when the Center is open and operating. Only QUALIFIED RESIDENTS and property owners within the City of Bethlehem may drop off materials at the Yard Waste Facility. You must show a valid driver's license and compost card on every drop-off trip.*

### **Recycling Theis/Cornfeld Recycling Center**

635 Illick's Mill Road  
Monday, Tuesday: 9 am to 4 pm  
Wednesday: 9 am to 6 pm  
Thursday, Friday & Saturday:  
9 am to 4 pm  
Sunday: 11 am to 4 pm

**Materials Accepted:** Mixed office paper, junk mail, magazines/shiny paper, hard & soft cover books, cardboard, flat board, telephone books, scrap metals, aluminum, appliances, textiles, plastics #1 thru #7, glass bottles & jars, cans, used clothing and styrofoam.

**Please Note:** *We CANNOT accept the following items: pressurized tanks / paint cans (empty or full) / electronics/plastic bags.*

**Free Shredding Service:** Monday thru Saturday 9 am to 3 pm  
Call (610) 865-7082 for an appointment.

*The Theis/Cornfeld Recycling Center may unexpectedly close if one of the following events occur: The real feel temperature exceeds 100 degrees in the summer; falls below 0 degrees in the winter or there is lightning in the vicinity. Please feel free to call our office (610) 865-7082 with any questions or inquiries regarding unexpected closures.*



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## 2020 Spring Yard Waste Pick-Up Schedule


Due to COVID-19 the Spring Yard Waste Pick-Up event for 2020 has been canceled.

Please check website for most up-to-date information.

## City of Bethlehem Holiday Collection Schedule below.

### City of Bethlehem

610-865-7082



**2020**  
**Holiday**  
**Collection**  
**Schedule**

#### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Holiday	Collection Date
New Year's Day	1/1 Sat. 1/4
Memorial Day	5/25 Sat. 6/30
Independence Day	Holiday is on a Sat.
Labor Day	9/7 Sat. 9/12
Thanksgiving Day	11/26 Sat. 11/28
Christmas Day	12/25 Sat. 12/26

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Recycling Dept. ....	(610) 865-7082
Police House Sgt.....	(610) 865-7179
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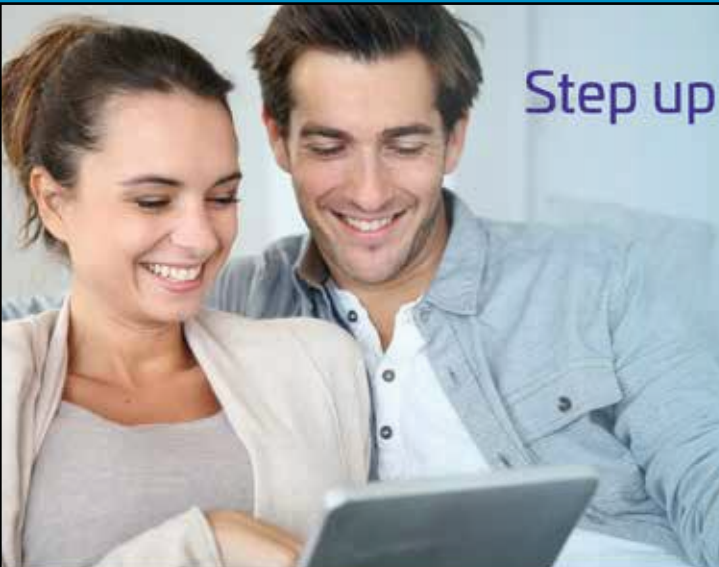


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